



1. We are inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in the above referenced patent application.

2. Prior to March 1, 1999, the effective date of the Balachandran et al. reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,324,268), and on or after January 1, 1996 we had completed our invention as described and claimed in the subject application in Israel, a WTO member nation since April 21, 1995.

3 As evidence that our work antedates Balachandran et al., we refer to a photocopy of a draft of the present application, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and, further, to photocopies of facsimile cover sheets transmitting the draft among our attorneys, facsimile cover sheets and correspondence between our attorneys and ourselves, and to Invoice Nos. 255146 and 261131, attached hereto as Exhibits 2-5. Exhibits 1 through 5 evidence the efforts of our attorneys, and their interaction with the undersigned inventors, from a time prior to the effective date of the Balachandran reference and ending with the constructive date of reduction to practice — i.e., the filing of the present application.

4. The facts contained within these Exhibits establish our conception of the claimed invention prior to the effective date of the Balachandran reference coupled with due diligence through to the filing of the present application.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the

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